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Abstract:

The Hazardous Fire Risk Reduction Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) evaluates the environmental effects that could occur if vegetation management designed to reduce wildfire hazard and risk is implemented in 105 defined project areas. One hundred of these areas are in the East Bay Hills, and the remaining five areas are in Miller/Knox Regional Shoreline, a facility of the EBRPD on San Francisco Bay. Vegetation management work in 60 of the 105 project areas was proposed in four grant applications submitted to FEMA by EBRPD, UCB, and Oakland through CalEMA. In addition to the vegetation management work proposed for FEMA funding, work is proposed within the project areas that may be funded by other agencies or that is not eligible for FEMA funding. The combination of vegetation management activities proposed for FEMA funding (the grant applications) and the activities proposed to be funded by others on the 60 project areas is identified as the proposed action. The draft EIS also addresses potential impacts of similar vegetation management activities on 45 project areas not included in the grant applications, which are referred to as connected project areas. Direct, indirect, and cumulative impacts resulting from the proposed and connected actions as well as the no action alternative on the physical, natural, and socioeconomic environment of the region are addressed in this draft EIS.

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AAA Anti-Aircraft Artillery

AB Assembly Bill

ABAG Association of Bay Area Governments

AC Transit Alameda-Contra Costa County Transit District

ACFD Alameda County Fire Department

ACHP Advisory Council on Historic Preservation

ACS American Community Survey

ACTC Alameda County Transportation Commission

ADT average daily traffic

APCO air pollution control officer

APE area of potential effect

AST aboveground storage tank

AWS Alameda whipsnake

BA biological assessment

BAAQMD Bay Area Air Quality Management District

BART Bay Area Rapid Transit

BEHAVE fire behavior prediction and fuel modeling system

BCDC San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission

BGEPA Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act

BLM Bureau of Land Management

BMP best management practice

BO biological opinion

CA BOND EXP. bond expenditure plan

PLAN

CAA Clean Air Act

CAC County Agricultural Commissioner

Cal-IPC California Invasive Plant Council

Cal EMA California Emergency Management Agency—formerly California Office

of Emergency Services (OES)

Cal/EPA California Environmental Protection Agency

Cal Fire California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection

Cal/OSHA California Division of Occupational Safety and Health

Calfish California Cooperative Anadromous Fish & Habitat Data Program

Caltrans California Department of Transportation

CARB California Air Resources Board

CBD central business district

CCC Central California Coast

CCR California Code of Regulations

CCTA Contra Costa Transportation Authority

CD compact disk

CDFG California Department of Fish and Game

CDFW California Department of Fish and Wildlife

CDPH California Department of Public Health

CDPR California Department of Parks and Recreation

CDPR California Department of Pesticide Regulation

CEC California Energy Commission

CEQ Council on Environmental Quality

CEQA California Environmental Quality Act

CERCLA Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability

Act of 1980

CERCLIS Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability

Information System

CESA California Endangered Species Act

cf cubic feet

CF non-native coniferous forest

CFGC California Fish and Wildlife (formerly Game) Code

CFR Code of Federal Regulations

cfs cubic feet per second

CGC California Government Code

CGS California Geological Survey

CH₄ methane

CHHSL California Human Health Screening Level

CHMIRS California Hazardous Material Incident Reporting System

CNDDB California Natural Diversity Database

CNEL community noise equivalent level

CNPS California Native Plant Society

CO carbon monoxide

CO₂ carbon dioxide

CO₂eq carbon dioxide equivalent

CORRACTS RCRA handlers ordered to implement corrective actions

CORTESE Hazardous Waste and Substances Sites List

CRLF California red-legged frog

CSC California species of concern

CSU conditional secondary unit

CUPA Certified Unified Program Agency

CWA Clean Water Act

CWHR California Wildlife Habitat Relationships

D diesel for all diesel dueled engines

dB decibel

dBA A-weighted decibel

DBH diameter at breast height

DDT dichloro diphenyl trichloroethane

DEED deed or land restrictions

DFW California Department of Fish and Wildlife

DHS U.S. Department of Homeland Security

DNL day-night weighted-average sound level

DOC California Department of Conservation

DOD Department of Defense

DPS distinct population segment

DSMOA Defense and State Memorandum of Agreement

DTSC California Department of Toxic Substances Control

du dwelling unit

DWR California Department of Water Resources

EA environmental assessment

EACCS East Alameda County Conservation Strategy

EBMUD East Bay Municipal Utility District

EBRPD East Bay Regional Park District

EDR Environmental Data Resources Inc.

EFH essential fish habitat

EH&S environmental health and safety

EHAP Environmental Hazards Assessment Program

EIR environmental impact report

EIS environmental impact statement

EMFAC2011 CARB's on-road vehicle emissions model

EMI Emissions Inventory Database

EMS emergency medical services

ENF water board enforcement actions

ENG engineering

ENVIROSTOR DTSC database for known and potential hazardous substance sites

EPA Environmental Protection Agency

EPCRA Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act

ERNS Emergency Response Notification System

ESA Endangered Species Act

ESU Evolutionarily Significant Units

EUC Eucalyptus forest

EUGL Eucalyptus *globulus* (blue-gum eucalyptus)

°F degrees Fahrenheit

FBFM fire behavior fuel model

FD federal delisted

FE federal endangered

FEMA Federal Emergency Management Agency

FFDCA Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act

FHWA Federal Highway Administration

FIA Forest Inventory Analysis

FID Facility Inventory Database

FIFRA Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act

FINDS Facility Index System

FIRM Flood Insurance Rate Map

FlamMap quantitative spatial modeling program

FQPA Food Quality Protection Act

ft feet

FT federal threatened

FTTS FIFRA/TSCA Tracking System

FUDS formerly used defense site

FuME fuel management erosion analysis

G2 gasoline for 2-stroke engines (such as chainsaw engines)

G4 gasoline for 4-stroke engines (such as automobile and large equipment

engines)

gal/day gallons per day

GHG greenhouse gas

GIS geographic information system

HAFFMP Hill Area Fire Fuel Management Plan

HAP hazardous (toxic) air pollutant

HAZNET EDR database of hazardous waste manifests

HBX housing and business mix

HCP habitat conservation plan

HEF Hills Emergency Forum

HIST Cal-Sites DTSC Calsites database

HMA Hazard Mitigation Assistance grant programs

HMBP Hazard Materials Business Plan

HMGP Hazard Mitigation Grant Program

HP horsepower

HUD U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

HWP information on permitted hazardous waste facilities and corrective action

tracked in EnviroStor

HWT listing of hazardous waste transporters

HWY highway

Hz Hertz

I interstate

INST institutional

IPM Integrated Pest Management

IX roman numerical nine

kg kilogram

L NRHP listed

LBNL Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory

lbs/day pounds per day

LCFS low carbon fuel standards

L_{dn} day-night average sound level

L_{eq} equivalent sound level

LF landfill sites

 L_{max} maximum L_{eq}

 L_{min} minimum L_{eq}

LQG large quantity generator

LRDP long range development plan

LUP Land Use Plan

LUST leaking underground storage tank

MBTA Migratory Bird Treaty Act

MCL maximum contaminant level

μg/m³ micrograms per cubic meter

mg/L milligrams per liter

MHA Metropolitan Horsemen's Association

MINES mine identification number

μm micrometers

MMP mitigation and monitoring plan

μPa micropascals

MOU memorandum of understanding

mph miles per hour

MRI Midwest Research Institute

MSDS material safety data sheet

MSFCMA Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act

N₂O nitrous oxide

NA not applicable

NAAQS National Ambient Air Quality Standards

NAHC Native American Heritage Commission

NC not calculated, no acute activity

NCCP Natural Community Conservation Plan

NEPA National Environmental Policy Act

NESC National Electrical Safety Code

NFIP National Flood Insurance Program

NFRAP no further remedial action planned

NH₃ ammonia

NHD National Hydrography Dataset

NHPA National Historic Preservation Act

NHRP National Register of Historic Places

NMFS National Marine Fisheries Service

NO₂ nitrogen dioxide

NOx nitrogen oxides

NOAA National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

NonGen nongenerators

NPDES National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System

NPL National Priorities List

NPPA Native Plant Protection Act

NPS National Park Service

NR not recommended for NHRP eligibility

NRHP National Register of Historic Places

NWCG National Wildfire Coordinating Group

NWI National Wetlands Inventory

O₂ molecular oxygen

 O_3 ozone

Oakland City of Oakland

OEHHA Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment

OES California Office of Emergency Services

OFFROAD2007 CARB's off-road equipment emissions model

OHWM ordinary high water mark

ONO Oakland North

OSHA Occupational Safety and Health Administration

OSO Oakland South

OSWER Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response

OW oak-bay forest

PADS PCB Activity Database

PAH polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons

Pb lead

PCB polychlorinated biphenyl

PCE primary constituent element

PDM Pre-Disaster Mitigation

PEL permissible exposure limit

PETB Pesticide and Environmental Toxicology Branch

PG&E Pacific Gas & Electric

PHG public health goal

PIRA *Pinus radiata* (Monterey pine)

PL public law

PM particulate matter

PM-2.5 particulate matter 2.5 micrometers or less in diameter

PM-10 particulate matter 10 micrometers or less in diameter

PMAC Pest Management Advisory Committee

PP-CS Physical Plant-Campus Services

PPE personal protective equipment

ppb parts per billion

ppm parts per million

PRC California Public Resources Code

PRIA Pesticide Registration Improvement Act of 2003

PRIA2 PRIA Renewal Act

Proposition 65 California Safe Drinking Water and Toxic Enforcement Act

PRP Potentially Responsible Parties

PSD prevention of significant deterioration

PSIS Pesticide Safety Information Series

QUAG Quercus agrifolia (coast live oak)

R recommended for NHRP eligibility

RADINFO Radiation Information Database

RCRA Resource Conservation and Recovery Act of 1976

RDWD redwood forest

RESPONSE confirmed release sites

RMS root-mean-square

ROD record of decision

RTA recommended treatment area

RWQCB Regional Water Quality Control Board

SARA Superfund Amendment and Reauthorization Act of 1986

SE state endangered

SESE Sequoia sempervirens (coast redwood)

SFBAAB San Francisco Bay Area Air Basin

SFHA Special Flood Hazard Area

SFRWQCB San Francisco Regional Water Quality Control Board

SHPO State Historic Preservation Officer

SLIC spills, leaks, investigations and cleanup

SO₂ sulfur dioxide

SOx sulfur oxides

SPCC Spill Prevention, Control & Countermeasure Plan

SPL sound pressure level

SQG small quantity generator

SR state rare

SR state route

SRA State Responsibility Area

ST state threatened

SWEEP Statewide Environmental Evaluation and Planning System

SWF solid waste facilities

SWPPP Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan

SWRCB State Water Resources Control Board

TCP 3,5,6-trichloro-2-pyridinol

TDS total dissolved solids

Tg teragrams

TMDL total maximum daily load

TRIS Toxic Release Inventory System

TSCA Toxic Substance Control Act

TSD treatment, storage, and disposal

UCB University of California, Berkeley

UCEH&S University of California Environmental Health & Safety Group

UCFMC UCB Fire Mitigation Committee

UCPD University of California Police Department

UMCA *Umbellularia californica* (California bay-laurel)

Unified Program Unified Hazardous Waste and Hazardous Materials Management

Regulatory Program

USACE U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

U.S.C. U.S. Code

USDA U.S. Department of Agriculture

USFS U.S. Forest Service

USFWS U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

USGS U.S. Geological Survey

UST underground storage tank

VMT vehicle miles traveled

VOC volatile organic compound

Vol volume

WBWG Western Bay Working Group

WCCTAC Western Contra Costa Transportation Advisory Committee

WDS waste discharge system

WEPP Water Erosion Prediction Project

WHRRMP EBRPD Wildfire Hazard Reduction and Resource Management Plan

WPA Works Progress Administration

WRCC Western Regional Climate Center

WUI wildland-urban interface

2020 COR ACTION 2020 Corrective Action Universe

Acronyms and Abbreviations
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